

Operations

We were able to help those in need because our community is very supportive of our services. Donations of food from individuals, businesses, churches, Scouts, schools, Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant, Safeway and Weis Market helped stock our pantry. Money donated from the community, work-place campaigns, and businesses help us to assist families in emergency situations. Our administrative cost is very low as we are all volunteers. More volunteers are needed to work with us to help our neighbors in need.

People Served in 2017	
Holiday Giving Project Families served	16
Food: People served	2,338
Financial Assistance: People helped	382
Furniture People helped	59
Transportation Rides given	95

2017 Financial Summary

Income	Expenses
\$70,648	\$60,850
19% Campaigns*	38% Utility Help
28% Individuals	44% Food Help
14% Churches	5% Housing Needs
4% CROP Walk	6% Healthcare Help
4% Grant**	5% Program Services
28% Businesses***	1% Holiday Project
3% Organizations	<1% Administration & Fundraising

*Combined Federal Campaign, United Way, America's Charities, Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign, PEPCO.

**First Energy Matching Funds

***Includes non-cash donations of \$15,924 worth of food from Kentucky Fried Chicken and \$35 for apples from Butler's Orchard.

Officers of the Day (OD's). We have 24 OD's answering our help-line in their homes through the call forward system. They assess the callers' needs then refer to the appropriate committees or to other agencies if callers are out of our area.

Special Projects. The 47th CROP Walk on October 8th had 62 walkers who raised \$13,721 of which Damascus Help received 25 % (\$2,957.75). Coordinator was Kay Orr.

Volunteer Committee. We had approximately 90 volunteers who dedicate their time and effort to serving the Damascus community. Many of the volunteers held two or three positions. We had additional individuals who helped during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Services

Holiday Giving Project. Most of the families in the area were adopted by community groups. Damascus Help gave food to 16 families for a total of 33 adults. Each family got a turkey or ham with all the trimmings. Kathy Thornett coordinated this project with the help of five volunteers.

Food was donated and purchased (\$10,821) to stock the pantry. Committee members were 7 who purchased and picked up donated food, 8 who sorted food and stocked shelves and 44 who made 616 deliveries to 146 families. Flo Sipes is coordinator of food delivery drivers. Pantry sorting coordinator is Brian Lewis.

Financial assistance was given to 134 families with 95 for utilities, 28 for healthcare, 10 for housing, and 1 for funeral expenses with total expenditures of \$29,653. Potomac Edison's First Energy grant of \$2,880 was used toward electric termination bills.

Furniture and household items were donated, collected and delivered. We had a crew who picked up and delivered furniture to help 15 families in 28 deliveries this year. Two families were also given clothing and coats. There were 26 donors.

Transportation Committee. Drivers use their own vehicles to take people to appointments. Transportation drivers gave 17 people rides to 95 medical appointments. There were five volunteer drivers during the year.

Board of Directors

2017

Our governing body is all-volunteer and includes the elected officers and appointed chairpersons of the standing committees.

Rita Noble, General Chairperson
Bettianne Quinn, Recording Secretary
Jan Buckley, Corresponding Secretary
Bernardine Beall, Treasurer
Douglas Noble, Chair of Food Committee
Jeanne Ruddock, Chair of Financial Assistance Committee
Rita Noble, Acting Chair of Furniture Committee
Susan Allison, Chair of Officers of the Day
Kay Orr, Chair of Special Projects
Kay Orr, Chair of Transportation Committee
Kathy Thornett, Chair of Volunteer Committee

Volunteer Positions

Food Committee

Food Delivery Drivers
Food Pantry Sorters
Food Pick-up Drivers
Food Purchasers

Financial Assistance Committee

Caseworkers

Furniture Committee

Chairman
Assistant
Pick-up and Delivery Drivers

Officer of the Day Committee

People to answer Help-line from home

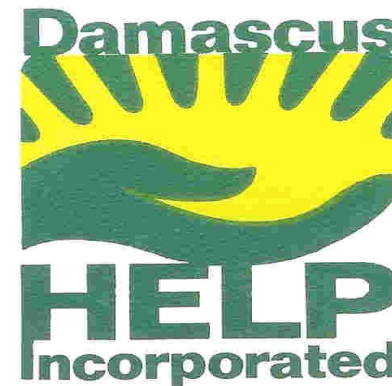
Our Mission

The purpose of this corporation is exclusively charitable, as the term used in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. We provide assistance to needy persons and families in the upper portion of Montgomery County, MD and adjacent areas in the form of emergency food, holiday food baskets and gifts, transportation, furniture and emergency financial assistance. No one shall be denied service because of race, color, creed, age, sex, or marital status.

Service Area

Since 1969, we have served the areas of upper Montgomery County covered by zip codes 20871, 20872, 20882 north of Brink Rd and 20876 from route 27 north of Brink Rd. On a case by case basis we provide help to people who live just over the Montgomery County line in Frederick County.

Our thanks to all who gave through donations of their time, goods, money, vehicle use, and facility use this year to help fulfill the mission of helping our neighbors in need.



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